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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP 4-28137, the Examiner is respectfully referred to U.S. Patent No. 5,682,085.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP 3-49135, the Examiner is respectfully referred to U.S. Patent No. 5,083,058.

For the concise explanation of relevance of the remaining non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English Abstracts attached thereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

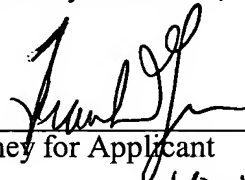
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A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

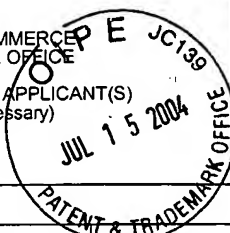


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